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**REQUEST
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**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/939,253
<i>Filing Date</i>	August 24, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	James M. Derderian
<i>Art Unit</i>	2826
<i>Examiner Name</i>	A. Williams
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2269-4830US (01-0106.00/US)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

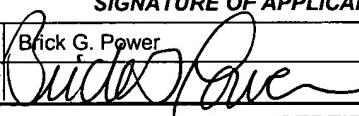
- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James M. Derderian

Serial No.: 09/939,253

Filed: August 24, 2001

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
ASSEMBLIES INCLUDING A
NONCONFLUENT SPACER LAYER
(AMENDED)

Confirmation No.: 2189

Examiner: A. Williams

Group Art Unit: 2826

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-4830US
(01-0106.00/US)

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**RESPONSE SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the Final Office Action, which was mailed on January 26, 2005, and along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action expires on April 26, 2005. This Response is being filed by April 26, 2005.